

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph (0047) on page 22 with the following amended paragraph:

(0047) The operating system 300 and/or the enforcement module 304 utilizes the firewall API 326 to tell the firewall code 302 that a connection is requested by the firewall aware application 306. The notification may be as described above, and may additionally include application-specific information, such as application trust level, application identification, and so forth. The firewall code ~~[[306]]~~ 302 compares the request with the firewall policy 314 and may permit or deny the request. An indication to the application may or may not be given.

Please replace the paragraph (0073) on page 33 with the following amended paragraph:

(0073) Turning now to operation of the interception module 500, prior to an application or service trying to establish a connection, a user and/or the application or service establishes policy for the application or service via the configuration and policy API 604. The policy is stored in the policy cache 612. After policy is established, the interception interface client ~~[[6020]]~~ 602 watches for connect and listen attempts by applications and services to the network stack 508 on the computer 102. The interception interface client 602 traps these attempts and sends them to the logic engine 600. The logic engine 600 determines what user is making the attempt, determines what application or service is making the attempt, and stores that information in the endpoint cache 610. The logic engine 600 then accesses the policy cache 612 to determine whether the user and application or service are allowed to connect to the requested network.